



Mrs. America and her Defense Role

(Editor's Note: National Defense touches every home, every citizen, and as the huge program expands in coming months, its effects will be strongly felt in everyday life. This column, based on official government information, shows how defense will affect Mrs. America and her home.)

Now is the time for every family in America to operate under a budget—a Victory Budget. And it's the housewife who can make it work. Even though she's lost many a previous battle of the budget, Mrs. America knows that this time victory is not just a personal matter. And one way she can help win this war is by not buying articles which are fads or crazes, and by making more ingenious use of the things on hand. Don't buy that hat of heavenly blue that will go with only one dress. Dye those faded drapes instead of getting a new pair, — and make your Victory Budget work — and fatten your book of defense stanzas.

In the days to come, our foods may not be so fancy, but there will be plenty. There is no necessity for hoarding. But to be thoroughly prepared for any emergency, every family should have on hand a four-day supply of food essentials. The Nutrition Division of the government advises the following list of foods for your emergency cupboard: evaporated milk; cheese; dried beans or peas; peanut butter; canned vegetables, (beans, peas, corn, tomatoes, sauerkraut); canned fruit, (applesauce, peaches, berries); grapefruit juice; dried fruit, (prunes, apricots, raisins); canned corned beef, salmon, luncheon meat; cereal; crackers; chocolate bars; cocoa; sugar; jam; coffee; tea. If you add to the list, remember to stock only foods that will keep. Also, put all bulk foods in glass jars, and protect cartons against moisture.

Add to your list of imported products that you may have to give up for the duration, kapok for pillows, pig bristles for brushes. Experiments are now being made to develop a tapered nylon fiber to be used for brushes, but for pillows, we may have to go back to the goose.

Do you employ a Japanese gardener or a German woman who comes in by the hour? Then perhaps you are among the hundreds who have been telephoning government offices asking what to do about workers who are aliens or even foreigners born citizens. According to President Roosevelt himself, there is no reason why loyal, efficient workers should be discharged for the sole reason of foreign birth. That is playing Hitler's game. There is no law against employment of aliens except in special defense work.

of a secret nature. Housewives, in their small roles as private employers, can defend at home the principles for which America is fighting.

If you read recently that all burlap was to be strictly rationed, you perhaps realized the difficulties in store for the manufacturers of chicken feed or potash who use burlap bags. And you probably didn't realize that the effects of that order might be felt right in your own living room. The greatest civilian uses for burlap are for furniture, upholstery, and rugs and carpets. Since our entire supply of burlap comes from India, our now greatly reduced supply will be divided among agricultural and chemical products—and peace-time uses will be cut off entirely. Rug bases and chair backs will be made of some other material.

This next year you may not be seeing your milkman so often. The rubber conservation order has greatly affected the dairy industry, since milk trucks for home delivery have not been included among vehicles eligible for new tires. New ways of saving tires now being considered by the industry include: eliminating special delivery and special services; six-day a week delivery; or every-other-day daylight delivery. And you can expect this change in delivery service to extend to many things besides milk. No more delivery service for a pair of hose or bottle of perfume at my lady's whim.

With the military use of chemicals steadily growing, America will begin to look a little greyer — or women will have to exert more elbow grease. Perhaps you've already noticed that the new stationery looks a bit duller. That's because of the lack of the usual amount of chlorine used as a bleach. Also, chlorine laundry bleaches may be curtailed, as well as borax, which is used in soap powders.

Pet-Refugees Arrive Here From Hawaii

Two rather pitiful little refugees arrived Saturday from Honolulu. They were a cat and dog, pets of Ivan Keyes Jr. and sent to his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Splittsoesser. Mrs. Keyes and son expect to reach Lomita later.

The cat was not greatly upset by the trip but the dog was evidently seasick and off his feed. Both are getting used to Lomita and are recovering their appetites.

The stormy petrel gets its name from "walking" on calm water (with the aid of flapping wings) like St. Peter, on land it cannot stand.

'Blossom Time' Coming to L. B. Stage

"Blossom Time," the delightful Viennese operetta coming to the Long Beach Municipal Auditorium, Tuesday evening, Feb. 10, has achieved the rare status of the modern classic by virtue of the sheer beauty of its music and the tender sentiment of its love story. Both of these qualities it owes to the poor son of an obscure schoolmaster who lived in the suburbs of Vienna more than a hundred years ago. The boy was the 12th of 14 children and lived to be only 31 years old. His name was Franz Schubert.

A straight dramatic play dealing with the life of this romantic rebel would be a hit on any man's stage. But an operetta, set against the gay and colorful background of Vienna in the 1820's crammed with the poignant drama of a genius who courted starvation to devote himself to his world destiny, and played to an incomparable score made up of his own exquisite melodies — that was a producer's dream. At least, it was until Messrs. Schubert had the story written and persuaded Sigmund Romberg to arrange the score, then proceeded to make the drama come true when they presented American theatre-goers and music-lovers with "Blossom Time."

Film Romeos True to Form

Since Shakespeare immortalized the balcony in "Romeo and Juliet" as a trysting place, the crying need of the film story has been a contemporary love-setting equivalent. Surprisingly, not one, but two, sure-fire rendezvous lend diverting side-lights to Universal's "Appointment for Love," which comes to the Plaza theatre in Hawthorne Saturday, to vindicate the modern screen-writers' claims for employing comparable scenic wherewithal for the business of the cinema.

A penthouse view of New York's challenging night-skyline provides one of the artifices, while the second "sure-fire" background is a secluded upstate hunting lodge. In both situations, Charles Boyer and Margaret Sullivan, as co-stars of "Appointment for Love," find idyllic surroundings for romantic interludes in the streamlined, racy modern play.

WM. KETTLER SUCCUMBS

William Frederick Kettler, 47, who spent his early days on the old Kettler ranch in Torrance, died Saturday at his home in Huntington Beach. He was widely known as a golfer and sportsman and as a youth played on the old Lomita sandlot baseball team.

For many years, he had lived at Springdale in the Santa Ana Valley where with two brothers he operated the largest bean ranch in the county. Services were held in Huntington Beach Wednesday. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery. He was survived by his widow, Margaret; three sons, Wm. F. of U. C. L. A., Jack at Caltech, and Jimmie of Huntington Beach. Eight children of the Kettler pioneer family are still living.

Women Wanted for Voluntary Service Training

"The American Women's Voluntary Service is not a social club," Mrs. Pat Dillinger, chairman, said this week. "It was formed with the thought that the American women united together could whip any situation that might confront them. And we can if the women of each community will find what is needed and settle themselves to the task of supplying that need. We need women that are willing to give a couple of hours once or twice a week to train themselves to confront any emergency that might arise."

"If we should have an air raid in Torrance and had a 1,000 or so incendiary bombs raining around, don't you women hold with the idea that you could just call the fire department, because they are not very likely to be there. That is when the training that is available now would help you, for a small fire is never a trouble maker, it is just when they get big and beyond control that they cause real trouble. Registrations are being taken at the office next to the Torrance Herald on El Prado. Mrs. L. H. Deisinger is chairman of receptionists."

Lomitan's Answer to Transportation Problem



It's not a "civilian jeep." It is an autoette and O. L. Edgecomb's answer to the current transportation problem—what with tire rationing and the switch-over of the auto industry into war production. Edgecomb, a retired railroad man who lives at 2113 West 245th st., Lomita, is shown

above inside his converted electric invalid's chair, while his neighbor, J. E. Clanton of 2101 West 245th st., who helped him design and build the streamlined three-wheeled coupe, is polishing the headlight.

"I'll be running my car after the regular autos are in storage for the duration," Edgecomb slyly predicts. And with reason too: his three storage batteries (cost \$27) last two to three years; his three scooter-size tires have rubber for three years, need no inner tubes, and the machine has few parts to break down.

Edgecomb's tiller-steered job began to take shape after he bought the invalid chassis last May in Long Beach for \$259. Since then, with Neighbor Clanton's assistance he has spent another \$100, added the cowl, body and such accessories as a horn, cowl lights, interior and tail lights and windshield wiper. He says his two-seater has a 15-mile-an-hour top speed. The batteries will take it 20 miles without re-charging, which Edgecomb does himself by simply plugging the re-charger into a light socket. Electricity for this purpose costs him one to two dollars a month, he figures.

So far he has had but one puncture, repaired with a 10-cent tube of bicycle puncture sealing fluid.

Originally purchased for his wife during her convalescence from a broken hip, the autoette is now secure in its spot as the family car and an outlet for Edgecomb and Clanton's ingenuity. Mr. and Mrs. Edgecomb



TOP COMEDY STARS... The screen's reigning comedy favorites, Abbott and Costello, take to the air in their new laugh film, "Keep 'Em Flying," which is now showing at the Grand theatre through Saturday. Co-starring with them is Martha Raye and lovely Carol Bruce. Also on the Grand bill is the hilarious rib-tickler, "Rise and Shine," starring Jack Oakie, Linda Darnell, George Murphy and Walter Brennan.

Both coal and oil are used in manufacturing plastics.

CLOTHIERS RETAIN NARROW MARGIN IN BOWLING LEAGUE

By taking two out of three games from the Union Cafe Thursday night, Vurpillats narrowed the gap behind Schwartz Clothiers the league leaders, to two games. The Clothiers lost two to the inspired Supreme Eggers. Darlington Products won two from L. J. Acres, while Acme Beers won two from Glenn's 24 Hour Service. A change in the big six saw Johnny Marker dropping out and replaced by Geo. Forbes and Don Godard. Standings of teams:

Schwartz	29	13	.690
Vurpillats	27	15	.643
Supreme Egg	23	19	.548
Union Cafe	22	20	.524
Acme Beer	20	22	.476
Darlington	20	22	.476
Glenn's	14	28	.333
L. J. Acres	13	29	.310

BIG SIX

McNeil	Union	6517	38	197
Coast	Acree	6609	30	186
Weiss	Vurpillats	7682	42	182
O'Connor	Supreme	6482	36	180
L. Pesce	Darlington	7004	39	179
Forbes	Glenn's 24	7485	42	178
D. Godard	Vurpillats	6415	36	178

DEFENSE GUNS ROAR ALONG SOUTH BAY

Windows rattled and the sound of gunfire was heard in this vicinity Tuesday afternoon as the Army started a 30-day program of target practice with anti-aircraft guns and cannon along the south bay. Warnings were issued to the public in the Redondo-Point-Vicente area Tuesday with orders to stay clear of the firing point, two miles south of Redondo Beach. Boats were ordered to avoid an area 10 miles to sea. A bulletin said, "The danger area extends 10 miles to sea from Point Vicente." Firing will not be engaged in at night time. This is the first time the Army has conducted its practice tests with new guns in this region. Later on it is expected that the big guns will be heard as huge railway rifles join the lighter rattle of anti-aircraft. The larger guns probably will not be fired until some time next month. The Army announcement said that, as the training program is expanded, the roar of guns and cannon may be expected from time to time during the next several months.

John T. Oursler left Friday for Chicago where he will attend a business conference and later will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Oursler at Latrobe, Pa.

Joseph Collins' illustrations are in black and white with a few choice ones in color. This book is a splendid volume in every respect. If you enjoy sports, humor, beauty, and handsome bookbindings, don't miss it.

DISSA AND DATA
George Clinton Arthur's "Backwoodsman" is a rather interesting little book on daring men of the Ozarks. It isn't destined, in my opinion, to become a "must," but it isn't bad at all. Mattie Johns Utting's "Arctic Fringe" is very interesting. It tells of the trip to Iceland, et cetera, that the author took. Miss Utting's style is easy to read, and quite pleasant in spots. Especially for those interested in the Arctic region, I recommend "Arctic Fringe."

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